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## AN INJUNCTION SUIT BY CHURCH MEMBERS

Ardmoreite Special.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2.—The injunction suit filed by Illinois members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church to prevent a union with the Presbyterian church came up for a hearing today in the Illinois appellate court. Distinguished attorneys have been employed by each party to the controversy and a bitter legal battle is expected. One hour and a half have been allowed to lawyers of each side for argument. Many prominent churchmen from other states are here and the decision of the court is awaited with great interest by members of the two religious bodies throughout the country.

The fight against the proposed merger has been waged intermittently since 1903, when the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly at its annual conference at Nashville, Tenn., decided to submit the question of union with the Presbyterian church to a vote of the membership. This vote was canvassed at the Presbyterian general assembly at Fresno, Cal., in

1905, and the result showed a majority in favor of the merger. The union was finally completed at the Cumberland general assembly held at Decatur, Ill., in May of last year.

The union met with much bitter opposition on the part of many members of the Cumberland church, and at the Decatur meeting a minority report was adopted, pointing out that the property of the organization, aggregating in value \$7,290,569, would by the terms of the union be transferred to the Presbyterian church. The objectors declared that there was no authority in the constitution and bylaws of the Cumberland church for allowing such a proceeding.

The injunction proceedings which are being heard today were instituted by members of the Cumberland church at Decatur, which is the seat of James Milliken university, a Cumberland institution. If the injunction is denied that school will revert to the Presbyterian church. The decision of the court will also likely have a profound effect on similar cases now pending in other states.

Missouri Assembly in Session.  
By Associated Press.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 2.—The general assembly convened at noon, Lieutenant Governor John C. McKinley, presiding in the senate. The house was called to order by Secretary of State Swanger, who then rendered the gavel to the temporary speaker, Wallace Grosley of Johnson county.

It was announced that Governor Folk would not deliver his message till tomorrow.

Many Miles to Marry.  
Ardmoreite Special.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Miss Flora Watson of Trenton, N. J., sailed today for Manila, where she will become the bride of First Lieutenant William T. Butler of Troop E, Sixth United States cavalry. The marriage will be the culmination of a romance begun about nine years ago, and the young people have not seen each other in eight years. Lieutenant Butler served through the Spanish-American war promoted to first lieutenant for his gallantry. The wedding ceremony will be performed immediately upon Miss Watson's arrival in the Philippines, after a journey from New Jersey to Manila of over 8,000 miles.

Discontinue Time Card Graft.  
Ardmoreite Special.

Philadelphia, Penn., Jan. 2.—The January time card of the Pennsylvania railway, issued today, shows a total absence of all advertising, due to the orders of officials to eliminate all graft which might result in an investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission. In the past high-salaried employees of the system have pocketed about \$100,000 yearly through the time-table advertising graft.

Presidential Nominations.  
By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The following nominations were sent to the senate today: Assistant attorney general, Edward T. Sanford, Tennessee.

Brigadier general to be major general, Franklin Bell.

A Good Resolution.  
By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—The house today adopted a resolution providing if any lobbyist shows up on the floor of the house while this body is in session, the sergeant at arms is instructed to eject him, forcibly, if necessary.

Cashier Admits Guilt.  
By Associated Press.

Sedan, Kan., Jan. 3.—Otto B. Stallard, the defaulting cashier of the People's National bank who recently surrendered was arrested today. He was formally charged with embezzlement of \$20,000. Stallard will be arraigned in February, when he will plead guilty. He says until then he will probably be released upon his own recognizance.

Stallard turned over all his property, making good the shortage.

One who considers my need before my deservings.

GIRL ON WARPATH.

Arises in Court Room and Takes Deliberate Shot at Judge.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—Just after Judge J. A. McDonald of the circuit court had convened court this morning, Miss Rosa Well arose from among the spectators and fired point blank with a revolver at the judge. The bullet missed him. She was disarmed and arrested. She is a defendant in a case concerning disputed inheritance, that was tried before Judge McDonald two months ago.

## THE ROCK ISLAND WRECK

OFFICIALS SAY THAT THIRTY WERE KILLED.

And Thirty Others Seriously Injured. The Blame Is Placed on Boy Operator Who Is a Good Witness.

By Associated Press.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—The Rock Island officials here today insisted that but thirty persons were killed and thirty others seriously injured in the collision of the two passenger trains on that road yesterday near Alma, Kansas.

The officials declare that the statement attributed to the conductor of train No. 29, that he had tickets for seventy-five Mexicans is untrue. They assert that at most there was not over thirty-five Mexicans aboard the ill-fated train.

The remains of twelve charred and burned bodies or what was left of them, were brought to Alma last night and these were presented to the jury.

The most of the remains were those of Mexicans, but it was impossible to identify any of them. They will be buried at Alma, after they are viewed by the jury.

There are twelve seriously injured in the hospital here, and some of these may die. The most are slightly injured.

At Alma today, the coroner's inquest over the victims was begun and John Lynns, the boy telegraph operator, who is blamed for the collision, was the principal witness.

Another Russian Killed.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Major General Von Der Launitz, prefect of St. Petersburg, was shot and killed by a young man at the institute of Experiment Medicine this afternoon.

DEFENDS PRESIDENT.

In His Position on the Discharge of Negro Soldiers.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The house was in session only fifteen minutes. No quorum was present. The senate, Senator Foraker's resolution pro-

viding for the inquiry into the discharge of the negro soldiers was brought up, and Senator Culberson of Texas spoke on it. He defended the president's action. Action on the resolution was postponed until next Monday.

Standard Oil Cases.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Landis in the United States district court today overruled the demurrer to eight indictments against the Standard Oil Company, for accepting rebates from railroad companies.

As to two others the demurrer was sustained on account of technical defects in the indictments. The cases must now go to trial.

HIS LAST ACT.

Granted Pardon to Woman Serving Sentence.

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Lena Margaret Lilla, who is in the pen for life, for the murder of her husband, was today granted an unconditional pardon by Gov. Mickey. It was his last official act before retiring.

Leeds Goes to France.

By Associated Press.

Richmond, Ind., Jan. 3.—Word has been received that William B. Leeds, formerly head of the Rock Island system, who was stricken with paralysis in New York, left for Paris for treatment.

## AMERICAN MEAT LABELS

ARE AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OF PURITY.

## WILSON CALLS BRITON DOWN

Our Secretary of Agriculture Gets Warned Up a Little by Report of Doctor Collingridge, English Medical Health Officer.

Ardmoreite Special.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"American meat labels are an absolute guarantee of the purity, soundness and wholesomeness of our meat food products."

Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, today made this statement, and he added he made it with a definite knowledge of its accuracy. The statement was called out by a report made to the city of London, England, by Dr. Collingridge, the medical officer of health for that city, on the meat inspection at the Central Market.

"I regret to say," Dr. Collingridge's report says, "what experience has shown that, although the label (Amer-

ican) is an excellent specimen of steel plate engraving, it has hitherto been of little service to your officers in assisting them in the work of supervision, and certainly is no guarantee as to the condition of the meat."

Further along in the report, Dr. Collingridge says that the frozen meats brought to London from America are a source of much trouble. "No inspection," says the report, "can be of any real value in dealing with this particular form of meat, and the only safe plan is to exclude it entirely from the country."

"Doctor Collingridge is mistaken in his premises," continued Secretary Wilson. "He says himself that his report refers to conditions which existed between 1900 and 1905. The conditions which now exist in this country with respect to the inspection of meats intended for export or for interstate commerce are quite dif-

ferent from what they were during the period to which this report refers. Even during those five years our exported meats and meat products intended for export, and in every case without exception, where indications of the disease were discovered, the meat was destroyed. Hundreds of live animals afflicted with tuberculosis and other diseases are condemned by the department of agriculture every year. Every precaution is taken that science, humanity and ability can suggest to insure the soundness and purity of all our meat products."

"Dr. Collingridge refers particularly to the frozen meats exported from America, but they really cut very little figure in our foreign commerce. Such frozen meats as are exported to Great Britain and other foreign countries consist of small pieces, trimmings, and the like. They are, of course, safe for the same kind of examination that all other meats are given, and so far as I am aware they are perfectly sound and wholesome. We send abroad no quarters or carcasses that are frozen. Such meats go in refrigeration—that is, they are killed merely to preserve them in transit."

"What I have said, refers particularly to the period covered by Dr. Collingridge's report. Under the recently enacted meat inspection law our regulations are very much more rigid and exacting than they ever have been before. I can say with certainty that the meat sent abroad from America to Great Britain, or to any

other country, is absolutely sound and wholesome. It is impossible under our regulations and system of inspection, for impure or diseased meat to get into interstate or foreign commerce. If I were faced to be critical, I might say that Dr. Collingridge's report, so far as it is applicable to American meat products is so disingenuous as to indicate that the doctor is looking forward to a retention of his job. With perfect assurance of the truthfulness of the statement, I can say that no country in the world today guards more carefully the wholesomeness of its meat food products than does the United States. We shall continue our system of rigid inspection of such products, and I am confident that the proper officials of Great Britain eventually will coincide even if they do not now, with the authorities of continental countries, in accepting without question the guar-

antee conveyed by the American label concerning which Dr. Collingridge is inclined to be sarcastic.

McCrea Succeeds Cassatt.  
By Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 3.—James McCrea of Pittsburgh, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, was today elected president of the Pennsylvania railroad by the directors, to succeed the late A. T. Cassatt.

Second Oklahoma Hanging.  
Ardmoreite Special.  
Lawton, Okla., Jan. 3.—Jim Wilkins, a negro murderer, is under sentence to be hanged in the court house grounds here tomorrow morning between 5 and 8 o'clock. Wilkins killed Will Creel, also colored. This will be the second legal hanging in the history of Oklahoma.

SICKENING CRASH OF TRAINS  
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Thirty Passengers in the Car But by Providential Direction Only One Was Killed—Mail Clerk's Skull Fractured.

By Associated Press.  
Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—At Hule station, twenty miles west of North Platt, last night, during a blinding snowstorm, a Union Pacific Los Angeles limited train crashed into an observation car on the rear of an overland limited on the same road.

Thirty passengers were in the observation car and one, E. W. Hastings, an actor of New York, was instantly killed.

Mail Clerk Gilbert Worley of Omaha received a fractured skull and a passenger named Jennings was scalded.

Nebraska's New Governor.  
By Associated Press.  
Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 3.—Geo. L. Sheldon was inaugurated governor today. In his inaugural address he urged that the lobby be banished from the state house and insisted that the legislature enact a law making it illegal to give or accept railroad passes in the state.

Governor Mickey, the retiring executive, sent a message to the legislature in which he recommended a pure food law patterned after the national law, restriction of the lobby, lower primary law and a law fixing the passenger rates at two cents a mile.

People Are Desperate.  
By Associated Press.  
Lakin, Kan., Jan. 3.—This town is without a pound of coal and the leading merchants have wired the general manager of the Santa Fe the following: "Send some coal; our people are desperate."

Gov. Folk's Message.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AGAIN RESUMES BUSINESS

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 3.—After a Christmas vacation of two weeks the Oklahoma constitutional convention reconvened today to begin the second day of its labors in formulating a constitution for the new state. One of the most important matters to be considered is the initiative and referendum section reported by the legislative committee shortly before adjournment. Many members of the convention of both political parties strongly oppose this measure and a warm fight is expected when it comes up for consideration.

The proposition reported by the committee recommends that the legislative power vested in a senate and house of representatives, "but the people reserve the power to propose laws and amendments to the consti-

tution" and to enact or reject them regardless of the legislature, and also to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislature. It is further provided under the initiative and referendum that not more than 8 per cent of the legal voters shall be required to propose any measure, and that a referendum vote may be ordered by a petition signed by 5 per cent of the legal voters.

Opponents of the measure demand the raising of the percentage to initiative laws to 25 and to refer legislation to 10 per cent of the legal voters. The objectors allege that corporations would take advantage of the low percentage to indefinitely delay legislation detrimental to their interests. The temperance element is also opposed to the measure reported by the committee.

law making it a felony to register bets on horse races, recommended a rigid child labor law enacted, wants laws enacted for imprisonment for violation of anti-trust laws; the initiative and referendum and the amendment of the anti-bribery law so that witnesses could be forced to testify but relieving them from prosecution by reason of their testimony and favored a strict enforcement of the liquor laws.

May Dissolve a Town.  
Ardmoreite Special.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—In accordance with an order issued by the Missouri supreme court, Mayor E. G. Lewis of University City, a suburb of St. Louis, will appear at Jefferson City today and attempt to show cause why the corporation of the city should not be dissolved. The action was brought by property owners who objected to having their land cut up by streets and alleys and appealed to the court to have the charter declared void. University City was founded as a "model town" by E. G. Lewis, the publisher of several periodicals, including a daily paper for women.

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Reception at White House.  
Ardmoreite Special.  
Washington, Jan. 3.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt will give a diplomatic reception at the white house this evening. The affair will begin at 9 o'clock and continue for an hour and a half. Only ambassadors, ministers and charge d'affaires are included in the invitations, aside from the representatives of the state department and the members of the committee on foreign affairs in the senate and house.

IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Chandler Elected Trustee of Meeks, Keller & Co. Bankrupt Estate.  
The first meeting of the creditors in the Meeks-Keller & Co. bankruptcy case at Holder was held this morning. J. J. Chandler was appointed as trustee and the bond fixed at \$1,000. Another meeting will be held Jan. 10 when the bankrupts will be examined.

Printers Get Raise.

Sherman, Texas, Jan. 3.—To the demand of Typographical Union No. 471 for a raise of 20 per cent three employing firms, including both daily newspapers, acceded today and the officers of the local union have assured the other employers will sign the contract in the morning.

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